



# International, Federal, State and Local Organizations

## A Partnership for Safe Chemical Weapons Destruction

The Blue Grass Chemical Agent-Destruction Pilot Plant's (BGCAPP) mission is to safely destroy the Blue Grass Army Depot's chemical weapons stockpile while ensuring maximum protection of its workers, the public and the environment. The BGCAPP operates under the auspices of the Program Manager Assembled Chemical Weapons Alternatives, which reports directly to the Office of the Secretary of Defense. Numerous organizations also monitor the BGCAPP closely.

### **International**

#### ***Chemical Weapons Convention Treaty***

- Prohibits the development, production, stockpile and use of chemical weapons.
- Requires each signatory party possessing chemical weapons to destroy them in an environmentally safe manner.
- Forbids the disposal of chemical weapons by open-pit burning, land burial or dumping in any body of water.

#### ***The Organisation for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons***

- Oversees the Chemical Weapons Convention treaty implementation.
- Sends inspectors to chemical weapons facilities to ensure compliance with treaty.

### **National**

#### ***Congress***

- Maintains legislative oversight of the chemical demilitarization program.
- Provides programmatic direction and funding.
- Reviews progress and expenditures.

#### ***National Academy of Sciences***

- Provides independent scientific and technical advice.
- Provides program oversight through the National Research Council.
- Investigates safety and performance aspects of the program.

#### ***Centers for Disease Control and Prevention***

- Receives and reviews all chemical agent monitoring data.
- Reviews all proposed weapons disposal operations.
- Certifies public and worker health and welfare.

#### ***Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)***

- Provides oversight of all environmental aspects of the program.

#### ***Occupational Safety and Health Administration***

- Provides safety oversight for disposal plant employees.
- Enforces safety regulations regarding worker safety and health.

#### ***Office of the Secretary of Defense***

- Reviews all disposal site plans and safety requirements.

#### **FOR MORE INFORMATION**

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**Commonwealth of Kentucky**

***Kentucky Department for Environmental Protection***

- Enforces EPA and state environmental regulations.
- Enforces stringent state laws to protect public health, worker safety and the environment.
- Oversees disposal operations to ensure compliance with federal and state regulations.

***Kentucky Division of Emergency Management***

- Controls emergency preparedness programs for the state.

***Kentucky Legislature***

- Passes stringent state laws to protect public health, worker safety and the environment.

**Madison County**

***Madison County Emergency Management Agency***

- Controls emergency preparedness programs for Madison County.

***Madison County Fiscal Court***

- Ensures infrastructure requirements in the emergency plan are provided before the facility environmental permit is issued.

**Local Citizen Boards and Commissions**

***Kentucky Chemical Demilitarization Citizens' Advisory Commission***

- Appointed by the governor.
- Established under Public Law 102-484.
- Consists of seven citizens from local community and two state employees.
- Secretary of Army representative meets with commission to receive citizen and state concerns.

***Kentucky Chemical Destruction Community Advisory Board***

- Promotes the safe, expeditious destruction of the chemical weapons stockpile.
- Provides input on environmental, health and safety issues to help ensure the protection of the community and facility.
- Encourages sustainable economic development of the community.
- Articulates community priorities regarding the facility.
- Plays a role in guiding public outreach and information sharing in the community.